

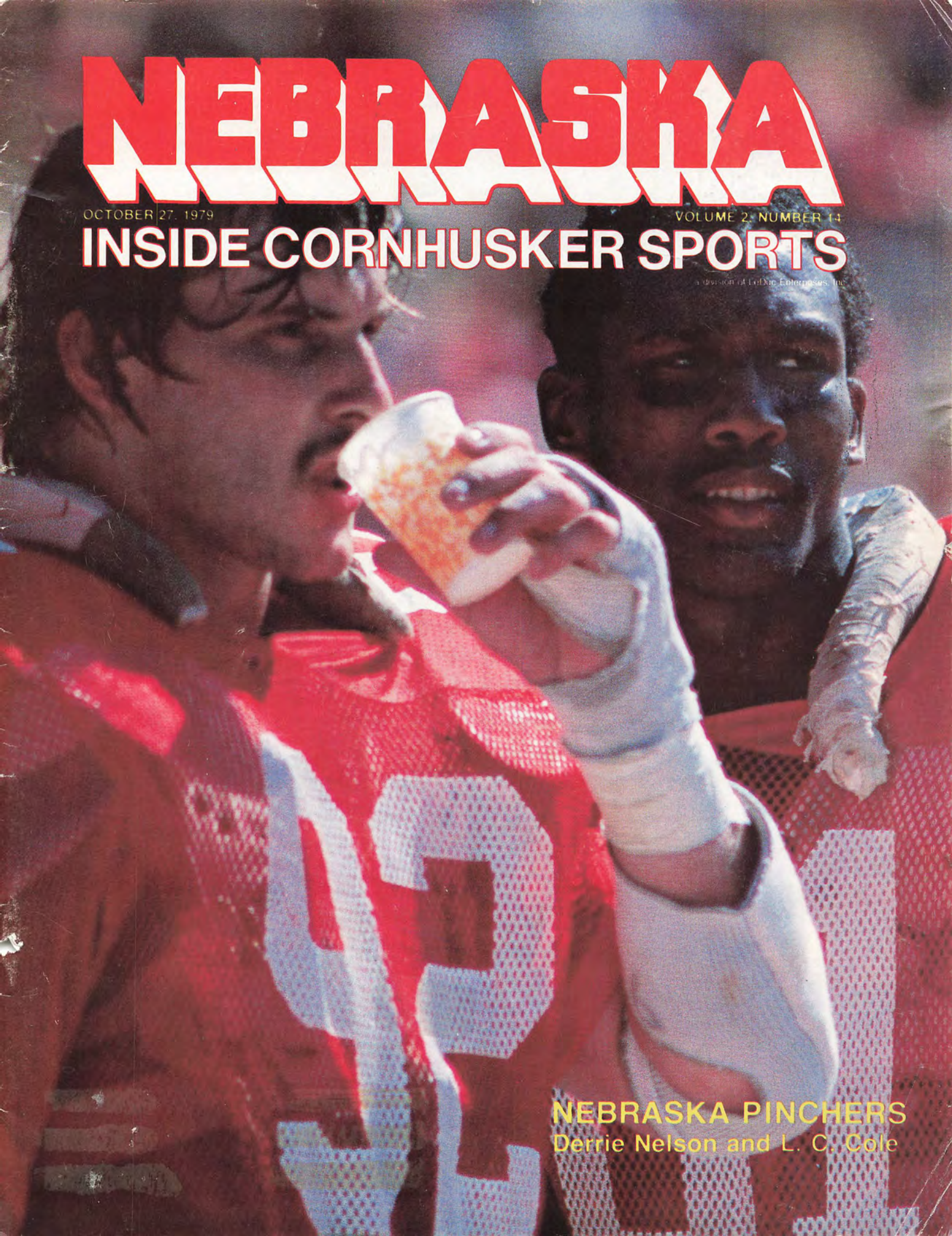
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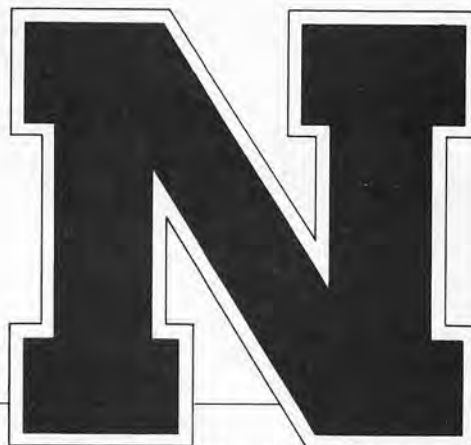
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OKLAHOMA STATE VICTIMIZED 36-0

# Zeroes Add Up

by Charlie Smith

The die was cast early. Nebraska lost the coin toss. That meant the Cornhuskers would start against a 20 to 25-mile an hour wind. But they would start with the football.

A packed Lewis Field crowd, estimated at a record 51,000, watched expectantly. An early defensive stand should net Oklahoma State field position with its first possession.

But it wasn't to be.

Nebraska charged 53 yards to a first down at the Cowboys' 15. It was, in many ways, a brilliant drive. Quarterback Tim Hager stayed with his ground game, intermittently dispersing Jarvis Redwine and Andra Franklin and throwing in a 14-yard Kenny Brown reverse — the first of many — to mix up the attack.

On first down at the 15, Redwine slashed six yards around the left side. But at that point, Dame Fortune smiled on the Cowboys.

Tim Wurth, hurdling through a big hole, stumbled and fell after a two-yard gain. On third down, Hager raised up after a fake and Junior Miller was standing alone in the end zone. But John Corker shot up a big hand and knocked down Hager's toss.

Then Hager rolled out with a fake field-goal attempt and Ricky Young smacked him down at the Cowboys' nine.

End of drive.

But it was an indication of things to come on a steamy hot — 87 degrees — Saturday in Stillwater. Nebraska romped and stomped up and down Lewis Field, rolling up 596 yards total offense while holding the Cowboys' to a mere 116. Until the last four minutes, though, the score did not indicate a rout. Then the Huskers scored two touchdowns in a matter of 20 seconds and the 36-0 final score was more like what the game was all about.

"It was kind of a steady ball game as far

as I was concerned," said coach Tom Osborne. "We're playing pretty well. Our offensive line and quarterbacking have been better than we thought it would be. We played well against Kansas and we played well again against Oklahoma State."

The shutout was the third straight for defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt's forces. It was the first time since 1972 for such a feat. (In that year, Bob Devaney's last as head coach, NU stampeded to consecutive shutouts over Minnesota, 49-0; Missouri, 62-0; Kansas, 56-0, and Oklahoma State, 34-0).

And that 1972 shutout, incidentally, was the last time Oklahoma State had failed to score, a string of 77 straight scoring games.

Hence, Nebraska recorded its sixth straight football victory of the season and, in the process, stomped what has been a real nemesis. Oklahoma State hasn't beaten the Huskers since 1961, but the Cowboys annually have managed to scare the wits out of the Big Red of the North. Except for 1977's 31-14 victory, Nebraska had not won by more than eight points over the Cowboys since that 1972 shutout.

The Cornhuskers' defensive unit now has not allowed a point in the last 13 quarters and, since Penn State scored two touchdowns in the first quarter on September 29, Nebraska has outscored its foes by a 177-3 margin over a 15-quarter span. What's more, the Cornhuskers poured it on the Cowboys without ace linebacker Brent Williams, who stayed at home with a turned ankle he suffered in the Kansas contest.

Nebraska also maintained its record of not having been scored on yet in the fourth quarter in 1979.

Nebraska waited until the first play of the second quarter before lighting up the scoreboard in Lewis Field. That's when Dean Sukup toed a 23-yard field goal, ending a drive that began at the Nebraska 33.

Kenny Brown (22) enjoyed his most productive day of the season. He's bagged, left, by Oklahoma State's Eric Roark (41), Valda Headspath (38) and Ed Green (54). At right, Brown leaps over John Odom (23) en route to a 13-yard scamper in the third quarter.

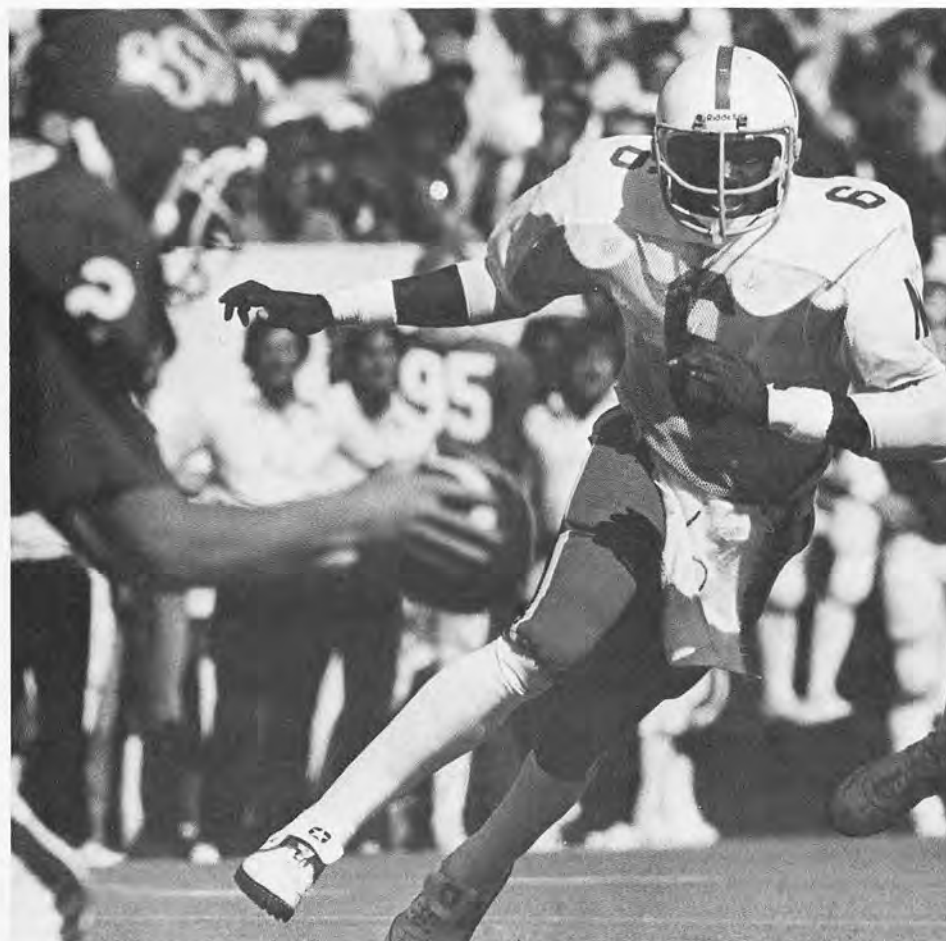
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Once again, in that drive, the Huskers exposed the pitch play to Brown, the wingback, after faking a handoff to the I-back.

For the day, Brown carried eight times for 111 yards. And the Cowboys haven't stopped the wingback pitch yet.

Brown became the first Nebraska wingback ever to rush for more than 100 yards. Not even the fabled Johnny Rodgers ever accomplished that out of the wingback position.

"That play is called 'Dive right, 29 counter sweep,'" said Brown. "Oklahoma State just overplays their defense and we tried to hit 'em with mis-direction. We practice the play a lot, but I didn't know how much we would use it until the game."

Hager, however, said he knew the play would be called a lot as early as the previous Monday.

"The counter plays worked for us," said Osborne, referring not only to Brown's pitch play, but also the reverse play. "That's nothing negative against Oklahoma State. It's just the way they set up their defenses."

After Sukup's field goal, the Huskers forced another punt and then sped 74 yards to their first touchdown. This stampede took only five plays.

First, Brown sped 14 yards. Then Hager fired a 22-yard strike to Brown for a first down at the Cowboys' 38. Franklin chipped in a five-yard gain and Redwine added a four-yarder.

On third-and-one, Oklahoma State bunched its defenses and Redwine slipped outside right tackle and danced 29 yards for the touchdown with 11:34 left in the half. Sukup's extra-point kick was wide. Redwine enjoyed his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game with 102 yards on 15 carries.

A couple of series later, Andy Means intercepted a Harold Bailey pass after the ball bounced off safety Russell Gary. Means returned the interception 23 yards to the Cowboys' 35 and was rudely met as he was going out of bounds by Bailey.

There was much confusion while sideline attendants worked on Means' recovery. Redwine carried for three and five yards while Means was carried from the field on a stretcher. And Nebraska was nailed for a 15-yard personal foul penalty back to the 42.

No matter. Hager stepped back and used the wind for a jetstream pass to Tim

**Cowboy tight end Donnie Echols (80), top, is wrapped up by Kim Baker while Tom Vering (47) moves in for the kill. Sammy Sims (6), below, demonstrates what a punter, in this case Kris Lundgaard, sees when the rush is on.**

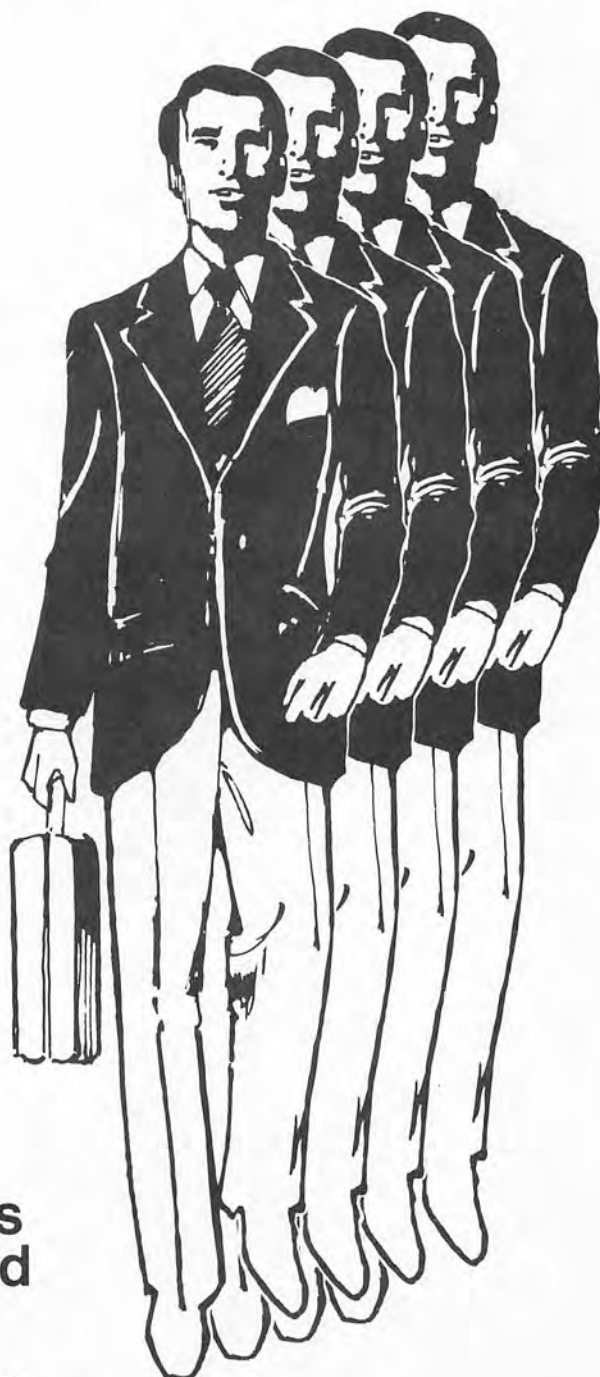
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Smith, who was alone behind cornerback John Odom at the goal line. Neither Odom nor safety Gregg Johnson was within five yards of Smith when he made his first touchdown catch of the year.

"That play was set up with a hook pass," Smith said. "Tim did a pump fake and I did a hook and go. And he put it right on the money. The play-action set it up."

Smith narrowly had missed a couple of other touchdowns earlier this season. He had a 57-yarder called back against Utah State because of a penalty and another catch was ruled down at the one-yard line against Kansas, although Smith bounced over the goal line.

"We're going to score a lot of points," said Smith, the offensive captain. "There's an awful lot of talent on this team. I don't ever worry about statistics. The only real goal I ever set is to catch everything that comes my way."

The big pass left the Huskers in command at halftime 15-0. But there was considerable concern for Means, the junior right cornerback. Word first leaked that he had swallowed his mouthpiece, but that later was denied both by Means and trainer George Sullivan.

"My dad (a dentist) made my mouthpiece special," said Means. "It fits snug on

my teeth, sort of like a boxer's. I know I never swallowed it. My problem was I couldn't breathe, I couldn't get air."

Means, however, recuperated quickly and returned with the team to the sidelines in the second half. He wasn't used during the final 30 minutes, however.

Despite the halftime lead, Osborne wasn't ready to rest.

"I just reminded our players at the half that we were right where Missouri had been last week." (Oklahoma State recovered from a 13-0 halftime deficit for a 14-13 victory over Missouri the Saturday before.)

The touchdown that ended any Oklahoma State comeback hopes came on Nebraska's second possession of the third quarter. The Huskers had driven to the Cowboys' 20 before running out of gas on the first possession, but they weren't denied the second time.

Starting at their 25, the Huskers galloped 75 yards in 10 plays. Once again, Brown played a large role. This time he had a 16-yarder for a first down at the Cowboys' 12. From there, Hager kept for six yards and Redwine cut inside right end on a six-yard touchdown run with 4:25 left in the quarter.

**Defensive end L. C. Cole (81) collars Cowboy quarterback John Doerner for an 11-yard loss midway through the fourth quarter.**

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Isaiah Moses Hipp, who has been hampered for several weeks with an ailing toe, entered the contest needing 40 yards to break Rick Berns' record and become the all-time Nebraska rushing leader. Hipp's turn in the spotlight occurred on the first play of the fourth quarter. He sped 23 yards and that gave him 54 yards on 12 carries for the day. He now has 2,719 yards, 15 more than Berns' mark.

Hipp's big run did not result in a score, however, because Sukup's 35-yard field-goal attempt was wide to the right with 13:04 left in the contest.

Nebraska fared far better near the end of the game with an all-reserve unit on the field. A 27-yard punt by Kris Lundgaard (he was 9 for 40.1 for the day) started Nebraska at the O-State 43. Craig Johnson carried five times in the eight-play drive, which was directed by Jeff Quinn, and Jim Kotera bounced into the end zone from five yards out. That touchdown and Sukup's extra-point kick produced a 29-0 lead with 3:48 remaining.

On Oklahoma State's first play after the



Jarvis Redwine (12) is stopped by Chris Dixon after another big gain. Redwine scored two TDs and gained 102 yards, his fourth straight trip over the century mark.

Ted Kirk photo





kickoff, freshman linebacker Steve McWhirter plucked John Doerner's pass and returned 11 yards to the Cowboys' 19. Tim McCrady and Anthony "Slick" Steels took turns running the wingback pitch, racing 14 and 5 yards. Steels' TD came with 3:28 left and wrapped up the scoring.

Oklahoma State seriously penetrated Nebraska territory only once. That was early in the fourth quarter and was caused primarily by a pair of pass-interference penalties. First, Gary was nailed at the Nebraska 42. That was a 22-yard penalty. Then Ric Lindquist was judged guilty of hitting James Cowins too soon at the Cornhuskers' 23.

But that was all the Cowboys could muster. That spurt ended at the 35, where Oudious Lee sacked Doerner on fourth down.

The last five minutes were spiced with chants of "We're Number 1" from Nebraska supporters. Nearly 4,000 were among the record crowd — previous mark was 50,694 against Oklahoma in 1973 — which began filing out early. Only the Nebraska sections remained intact at the end.

There would seem to be wide interest in the "Number 1" syndrome. Nebraska players let out a big whoop on the bus to their chartered airplane in Tulsa when they heard the 17-14 Arkansas over Texas score.

And, for what it's worth, Nebraska's sixth victory of the season assured the Cornhuskers of their 18th consecutive winning season. **N**



Just to show what a bruising game it was, though, Craig Johnson (30) finds three Cowboys, led by nose guard Steve Heinzler (76), where his hole is supposed to be.

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# The Coaches Say:

**TOM OSBORNE,**  
Nebraska

**About Nebraska's total domination:**

"The big edge, I think, was that we could run and they couldn't."

**About his feelings with a 15-0 lead at halftime:**

"We didn't want to let it get away from us. I guess I didn't feel we were in any great danger of losing it, but you never know. If you start leaving the ball on the ground, all sorts of things can happen."

**JIMMY JOHNSON,**  
Oklahoma State

**About how his team kept the score close through much of the game:**

"I felt like a man hanging on a cliff and someone was standing on my fingers."

**About Nebraska's strength:**

"They are so deep in players. They dominate you and you can't get the ball from them. Defensively, you can't hardly get back to the line on them."

"All of our players were fighting and scrapping and I thought our guys made a good effort. But we were overmatched."

**About the play of defensive end Rick Antle:**

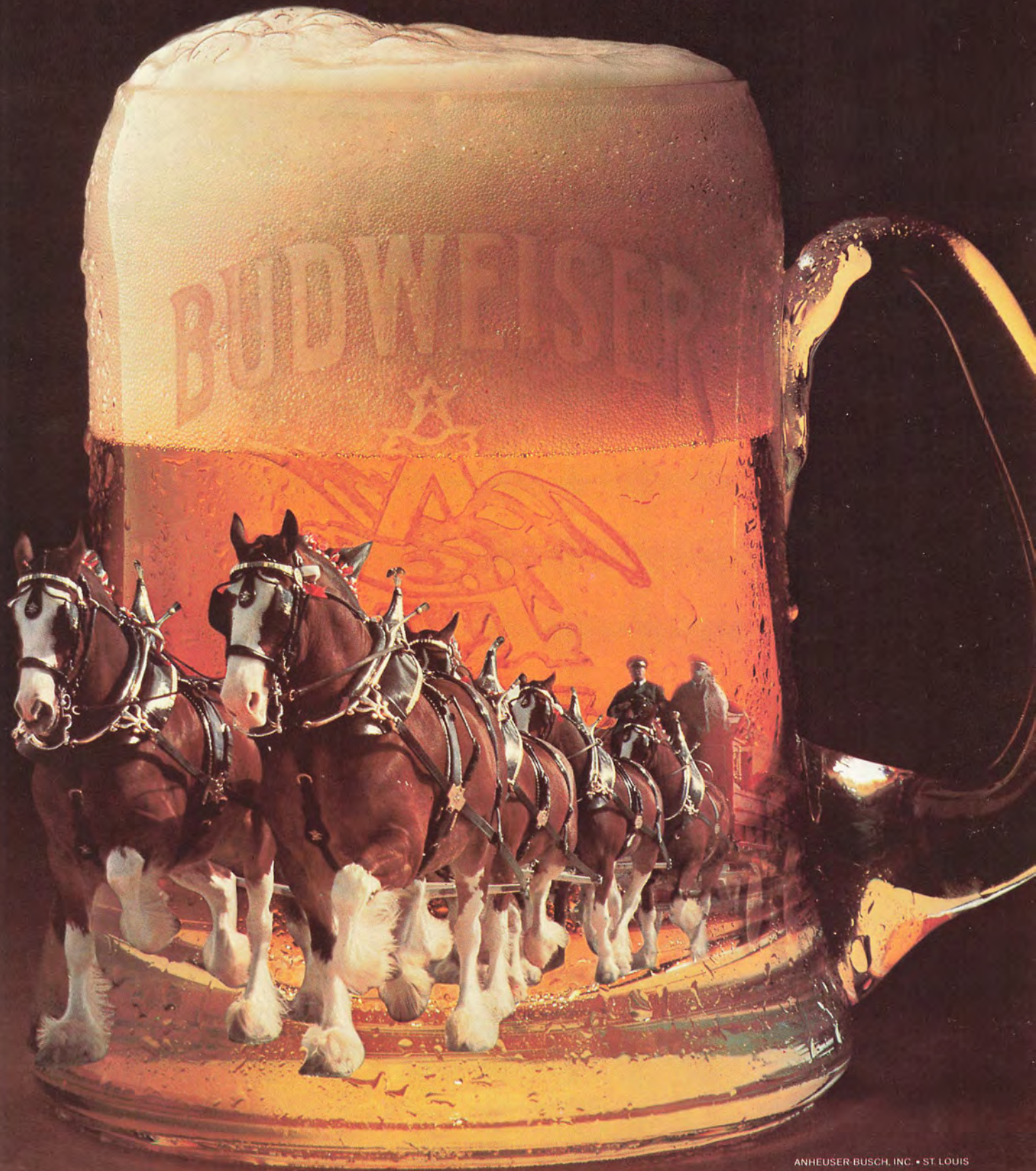
"I thought Rick Antle played well. He's one of the Big Eight's better players. But Nebraska has 55 of them like that and if they had been playing at home they could have suited up 100."

"If we had to play them two or three weeks in a row, we couldn't finish the season. I hoped and prayed they weren't as good as they looked on film. But they were."





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CRAIG JOHNSON

# A ONE-GAME REDSHIRT SEASON

by Charlie Smith

There is quite a bit of thought given to any redshirt. And there was some real soul-searching involved during fall practice concerning Craig Johnson. As it turned out, Craig was not redshirted.

But it took a few bumps and bruises to Isaiah Moses Hipp and a close encounter with defeat at Iowa before the case was closed.

Johnson entered the game in Iowa City in the last few minutes of the third quarter and proceeded to gain 39 yards on 15 bone-rattling carries, scoring one touchdown from five yards out. During the drive for the tying touchdown, Johnson carried six times.

"There have been a lot of years around here," says 18-year veteran assistant coach Mike Corgan, "where Craig would have been far and away the best I-back we had."

As it is, Johnson has found himself playing in the shadows of Hipp and Jarvis Redwine. But he isn't the sort to complain. He never even whimpered when the redshirting possibility first was dropped on him towards the end of fall practice in September.

"I think it was about a week before the season started," says Johnson. "Coach Osborne and coach Corgan both said it was a possibility. I guess at first I was quite shocked — and even a little bit hurt."

But Craig, who is about as easy-going and relaxed as you'll find, adjusted quickly.

"Everybody I told seemed to be shocked," he recalls. "But I can see where it wasn't such an outlandish thought by the coaches."

What the coaching staff was faced with was this:

- Hipp is a senior and already has gone through a redshirt season.

- Redwine is a junior and also has sat out a season while regaining his eligibility after transferring from Oregon State.

- Freshmen cannot be redshirted anymore; that rule was in effect only one season.

And that left Craig Johnson.

"Craig was the most obvious candidate among the I-backs," says head coach Tom Osborne. "Redwine had a good spring and Tim Wurth looked like he was going to stay healthy. But we realized all along it would be difficult to redshirt Craig because you almost always have injuries among running backs."

As soon as Hipp began to absorb some bruises — and that was as early as the Utah State fracas — the coaching staff began casting another glance in Johnson's direction. Even before the Iowa game, Johnson was told his redshirt status was in immediate jeopardy.

Johnson was told he'd probably make the Iowa trip and suit up at least for the non-conference games. That was when the intention still was to redshirt the 194-pound junior from Omaha.

"For Utah State, about all I did was sit and watch," says Craig. "It was very hard. I just tried to keep my thoughts on the team. I didn't figure on playing at all and I didn't have to be geared up."

And in the dressing room after the 35-14 victory?

"I felt as much a part of it as ever, but I felt like I really hadn't contributed anything. I like to feel like I'm doing something."

Everything began to change on the Tuesday of the next week, however.

"That's when coach Osborne caught me and mentioned that he didn't feel he could get me through the year without playing me," says Craig. "And he said if it came down to winning a game, he'd play me."

Osborne's timing couldn't have been better. That's because Johnson was

needed the very next game.

And he delivered, just like everyone knew he was capable of doing.

"They mentioned before the Iowa game they wouldn't just throw me in there for playing time," says Johnson. "And then in the third quarter, Isaiah was hurting and Jarvis was tired and we were down 21-7. Coach Corgan said to get ready. I was ready."

And that's how Craig Johnson averted being redshirted in 1979. Still, just how much playing time he will receive was open to question.

Although he did get into the Penn State game briefly, Johnson wound up playing a large portion of the New Mexico State contest. He gained 59 yards on 12 carries and scored three touchdowns while spelling Redwine.

"I'm just glad we didn't get down to the sixth or seventh game and then have to throw him in there," says Osborne. "He's a very good running back. If he has a deficiency, it would be his overall speed. He's fast enough, but he's just not as fast as Hipp or Redwine."

That's like saying a gorilla may be big, but he ain't no King Kong.

Johnson is a legitimate 4.6-second runner in the 40-yard dash. That's decent, but hardly in the same class as Redwine's 4.4 or Hipp's 4.5.

"Craig is a north-south runner, a good, hard-nosed football player who doesn't make mistakes," says Osborne.

Adds Corgan, "If he's a little short, it's that he doesn't have blazing speed for an I-back and he doesn't have the size for fullback. But he reads well, he has a good running angle, he holds onto the football and he gives 100 per cent effort."


Johnson first broke into the Cornhusker spotlight last fall in the 63-21 romp over Kansas in Lawrence. Nebraska set a Big Eight record 799 yards in total offense and Johnson was a large contributor with 192 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Craig cut loose with a 64-yard touch-

Craig Johnson's "Never-Say-Die" attitude is showing after he's brought down against Iowa. The Hawkeyes' Bobby Stoops (41) watches. Johnson complained after the game he was rusty and was brought down too many times by arm tackles.

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down run during a 35-point second quarter and later scored on a 78-yard pass from Tim Hager and a 60-yard run.

His 192 rushing yards were accumulated on only 10 carries.

Johnson was the class of the 1977 NU freshman team after an All-State career at Omaha Westside, where he finished his senior season as the leading rusher and scorer in the metropolitan area.

"He helped a lot last year and he'll help a lot this year before it's over," says Osborne.

Whatever happens, though, Johnson says he'll take it in stride.

"I guess that's just the type of person I am. I just believe the things people do all are going to work out for the best. My attitude is just to keep working and never give up. Really, I feel fortunate to have gotten as far as I have. And if I get further, I'll feel fortunate that I've reached that point.

"There are other things in life that keep me going."

As for what Johnson can expect this season, Osborne says, "Unfortunately, it looks like it's going to be either feast or famine for him this year. But sometimes you just have to make decisions that are in the best interests of the team."

It would seem Craig Johnson just happened to arrive at a time when Nebraska is overloaded with running backs. In another time at the same place, he could have received the same type of recognition as Jeff Kinney, Joe Orduna, Tony Davis or Rick Berns.

But maybe such acclaim never will be accorded Craig. It seems obvious, though, that he'll be able to deal with whatever comes his way. Especially as long as it's nothing more serious than a football-related happening. **N**



**Johnson shows his best form while exploding through a gigantic hole opened by some firing-out offensive linemen.**

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## BIG RED GALLERY

## WHOOPEE!

All the bumps, bruises, aches and pains of practice are forgotten when the work has a steam-rolling effect during the game. And that's just what is happening here as the Cornhuskers unload their four-touchdown blast during the second quarter in the Penn State triumph.

Note how there seem to be simultaneous celebrations for different feats. Along the sidelines, far left, there is immediate reaction for on-the-field action. In the middle, there is palm-slapping practice between reserves Jamie Williams (80) and Todd Brown (29), while Oudious Lee (65) joins the fun. And, at far right, the defensive unit seems removed from the party as it huddles for a final chat before taking the field again.

There was action aplenty along the Nebraska sideline on this glorious September afternoon.

John Bills photo











# In a Pinch, They Squeeze

by Randy York

A walk-on from a small Nebraska town and a prep All-America from Dayton, Ohio, may sound like the original odd couple, but they're better known as the bookends to Nebraska's famous Black Shirt defense.

No one is calling L. C. Cole or Derrie Nelson a Willie Harper, a Bob Martin or a George Andrews. But together, they're a tandem which can shut down an offense, cause it to fumble and force it to pass unwillingly.

Nelson, the junior from Fairmont, and Cole, the senior co-captain from Dayton, alternated last year opposite All-America George Andrews. This year, Cole mans the left side with considerable authority and Nelson protects the right side with a certain reckless abandon.

"Derrie is very aggressive and very physical," Nebraska defensive end coach George Darlington says. "L. C. is a little quicker, but not quite as aggressive."

Of course, few players in the Big Eight can match Nelson's aggressiveness. "He can get to the football, cause it to be fumbled and recover it in a hurry," Darlington says. "He can cover a lot of ground and still be tough against the pass."

"L. C. is as good as anyone on the line of scrimmage against the run," Darlington says, "but he's not as strong against the pass as Derrie is. If L. C. never had to drop on a pass, his production would really increase."

Unfortunately, Cole's pass defense almost cost him a spot in the Husker starting lineup after the Iowa game. His timing couldn't have been worse. Since the first of the summer, L. C. had saved money back from every paycheck to buy his parents plane tickets for the Penn State game, their first in Memorial Stadium.

"I thought about it awhile, then decided I better call my parents and tell them what was going on," L. C. relates. "I told them I

wasn't sure if I was starting and if they wanted to come for another game, I'd arrange it. They told me to quit worrying and to get ready because they were coming."

L. C., or Lawrence, wanted to show his respect to his parents and, at least in part, repay a debt for their support and dedication.

"My father has worked for the Dayton Power and Light Co. all his life," L. C. says, "and my mom is a hell-fire woman who kept every one of us kids in line. They'd never ridden on a plane. I'm glad they got this chance. I figure I spent about \$550 for the tickets, some Big Red clothes when they got here and the food."

"But I don't look at it that way. In your entire lifespan, you can never pay your parents back for what they do for you. Think how many clothes they put on my back and how much food they put in my mouth. That's a small fortune right there."

When you consider L. C. is the fourth of nine football-playing brothers, it becomes more than a small fortune. It becomes a never-ending expense account.

But it has all paid off. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cole owe football a debt, too. It has given seven of their sons college educations and expects to provide the same for two more.

L. C. has three brothers playing college football right now. Darryl is a freshman wide receiver at Kent State. Two others are starters at Central State in Xenia, Ohio — Trent, a sophomore defensive end, and Lyle, a sophomore safety.

"Darryl got a little excited when he called me and I told him I might not start against Penn State," L. C. says. "He'd told all his friends at Kent State that I was the defensive captain at Nebraska and they didn't believe him. He told me he'd bought a new TV set just for the game, so he could invite everyone over to watch. He told me to practice harder and not to let him down."

Thanks to a good week of practice, L. C. did start . . . and play an inspired game against the Nittany Lions. He played all but two plays until the reserve units took over in the 42-17 rout.

L. C.'s older brothers were equally proud watching him perform. All three have completed their collegiate eligibility.

Willie was a starting linebacker at the University of Dayton before becoming a Muslim minister in Wisconsin. Norris started at cornerback for Bowling Green before being accepted into med school at Ohio State. Timothy started at linebacker in a junior college at Joplin, Missouri, before transferring to Central State in Ohio and becoming a sergeant in the Marine Corps.

It's ironic that Norris watched the game in Columbus, Ohio, because L. C. almost went to Ohio State and played for Woody Hayes on two different occasions.

The first opportunity makes a great recruiting story. "When Woody came to my home to recruit me," L. C. says, "I was wearing a Michigan T-shirt. When he saw it, he went instantly mad."

Aware of Hayes' reputation, L. C. asked the General Patton of college football about his behavior during practice.

"I asked him if he would ever hit me during practice if he got mad at something I did wrong," Cole recalls. "When he told me he might get the urge, I decided right then and there I wasn't going to Ohio State. Hitting players is no way to motivate. Nebraska coaches will yell at you sometimes, but only if there's a darn good reason."

There was one other time when L. C. thought about quitting and transferring to Ohio State. "Two years ago on the scout team was pretty rough and I got really down," he recalls. "But the coaches explained that I needed to be patient. Good players don't always come to the surface early in strong programs. Coach Osborne and coach Darlington told me to keep



working and I'd play. So I did and I have."

**M**ental tenacity, something Cole developed, has always been ingrained in Nelson.

"I had to be crazy to come from Fairmont (population, 761) and expect to play," Derrie says. "I had to be a little mental. I guess that's why I got some of my nicknames. When I'm on the field, some people say I ought to be in the psychotic ward. But I became a madman by necessity.

"I figure if you nail a guy quick, you get his respect right away. I may be a little crazy, but you have to be when you put a helmet on. You either hit somebody, or they hit you. You have to be physical. You have to be competitive."

Nelson came by his competitiveness naturally. His uncle is former Nebraska All-America baseball player Bob Cerv, who distinguished himself for 11 years in the major leagues, mostly with the New York Yankees and Kansas City A's.

Derrie, however, insists he inherited just as much desire from his mother, Bonnie, a fabled softball slugger in the popular Strang Tournament for area towns.

"I was my mom's batboy until I was about 10 years old," Derrie remembers. "Every time she'd come to the plate, everyone in the outfield would start to back up. But no matter how far they'd back up, my mom would knock the cover off the ball over the left fielder's head.

"I remember one time, the left fielder went so far back, she was standing right in front of the rest rooms. My mom got up and blasted it right over the rest rooms. They were tape-measure jobs.

"Fairmont won that tournament six years in a row. I couldn't believe it. Everyone knew my mom was going to smack a home run, but always pitched to her anyway. I could never understand why they didn't walk her every time."

Winning is something Derrie Nelson believes in very strongly.

"I didn't win everything in high school," he admits. "But I never did anything less than all-out. I love competition. I loved district basketball tournaments. I wasn't much of a scorer (17 points a game), but I'd go in there and get rebounds against anybody. I think I averaged 15 rebounds a game."

Track wasn't Nelson's natural calling, but he excelled nevertheless.

"One of my favorite memories was my freshman year," he recalls. "I qualified for the state Class D track meet in the mile. I

knew I didn't have any kick, so my only chance to win was to go all out early and take the lead. I led that baby until the last 50 yards, too. I had 'em. I had 'em all.

"Then, they started passing me, one by one, and there wasn't anything I could do because I didn't have anything left. Six guys blew right by me in the last 40 or 50 yards. I counted every one. I didn't like losing, but I still got a thrill out of it. Wouldn't

that have been something to see a dumb freshman win that thing?"

Nelson tried everything to win a state track meet medal. He ran a 2:01 half mile, long-jumped 20-8 and surprised everyone, winning his D district shot put, upsetting his teammate and best friend, who bounced back to win the state meet the next week with a heave of 50 feet. He finally got his medal, a fourth-place finish with a 51-



**L. C. Cole (81) shows the square-up style of tackling Nebraska has made famous, drilling Utah State split receiver Ken Thompson (25) in the process.**

Ted Kirk photo



second quarter his senior year.

"I believed in myself," Nelson says. "It makes me mad that people have a Class D athlete categorized before he even gets a chance to prove himself. Class D boys aren't supposed to be able to play against anybody except themselves. Well, I don't buy it. I didn't then. I don't now.

"My high school coach played small-college football. He knew I could make it on that level. I did, too. What we both wondered was: Could I play with the big boys? I had some chances to go to small schools,

ends have to be thinkers first. You have to know what you're doing. Technique is mental. The craziness comes later. The coaches like you to play reckless, but not if you're in the wrong place."

Cole agrees. "Defensive end," he says, "is one of the most difficult positions to learn at Nebraska because at times you're a rushing lineman, at times you're a linebacker, and at times, you're a cornerback."

Practice is the only place to prove how much you've learned and how well you can

seniors," he says. "I want to win it all this year. I don't want any ties. There isn't anybody on this team who isn't hungry. This team has a lot to prove."

"That's all Bill Barnett, Rod Horn and I talk about," Cole says. "This is our last time to be a Cornhusker. This is our last chance to put everything we've worked so hard for together.

"I've got two brothers in high school who look like they'll play college football. Ohio State is already looking at one of them. I'm a captain and I try to be a model for my



Derrie Nelson (92) cuts off Iowa's Dennis Mosley (18) as the Iowa running back bursts through a temporary space in the Huskers' line.

Ted Kirk photo

but I didn't. I wanted to know where I fit in and there was only one way to find out.

"I remember what it was like my freshman year. There were so many other walk-ons — all with the same dream, all trying just as hard. Finally, the coaches had to weed some out. You'd see the pink slips on the locker every day. Every day, I got more confident."

Playing defensive end, however, requires more than confidence and a wild and crazy physical style of play.

"At Nebraska," Nelson says, "defensive

respond. "To me," L. C. says, "everybody's an enemy, even in practice. There's no favoritism; I'm going to hit them just the same. If you play that way every day in practice, you're going to carry it onto the field with you the day of a game."

Practice, Nelson says, "is when I learned I could play at this level. I remember my first spring, I caught old Mr. (I. M.) Hipp from behind. I jumped up, grabbed him and held on for dear life. I think that caught the coaches' attention."

Now, Nelson wants to catch the country's attention. "I'm a junior, but I'm like the

teammates. But I want to be a leader for my younger brothers just like my older brothers were for me."

"I want," Nelson says, "the same thing L. C. wants — a championship. He came here with that idea in mind first. I came here first just to survive. So far, I have. But that doesn't mean I'll continue to survive. Jimmie Williams (a sophomore behind Cole and Nelson) is a great athlete. He's fast and he's hungry. Watching him makes you work. Around here, if you stay stationary, people will go right by you. That's good. That's how championships are made." **N**



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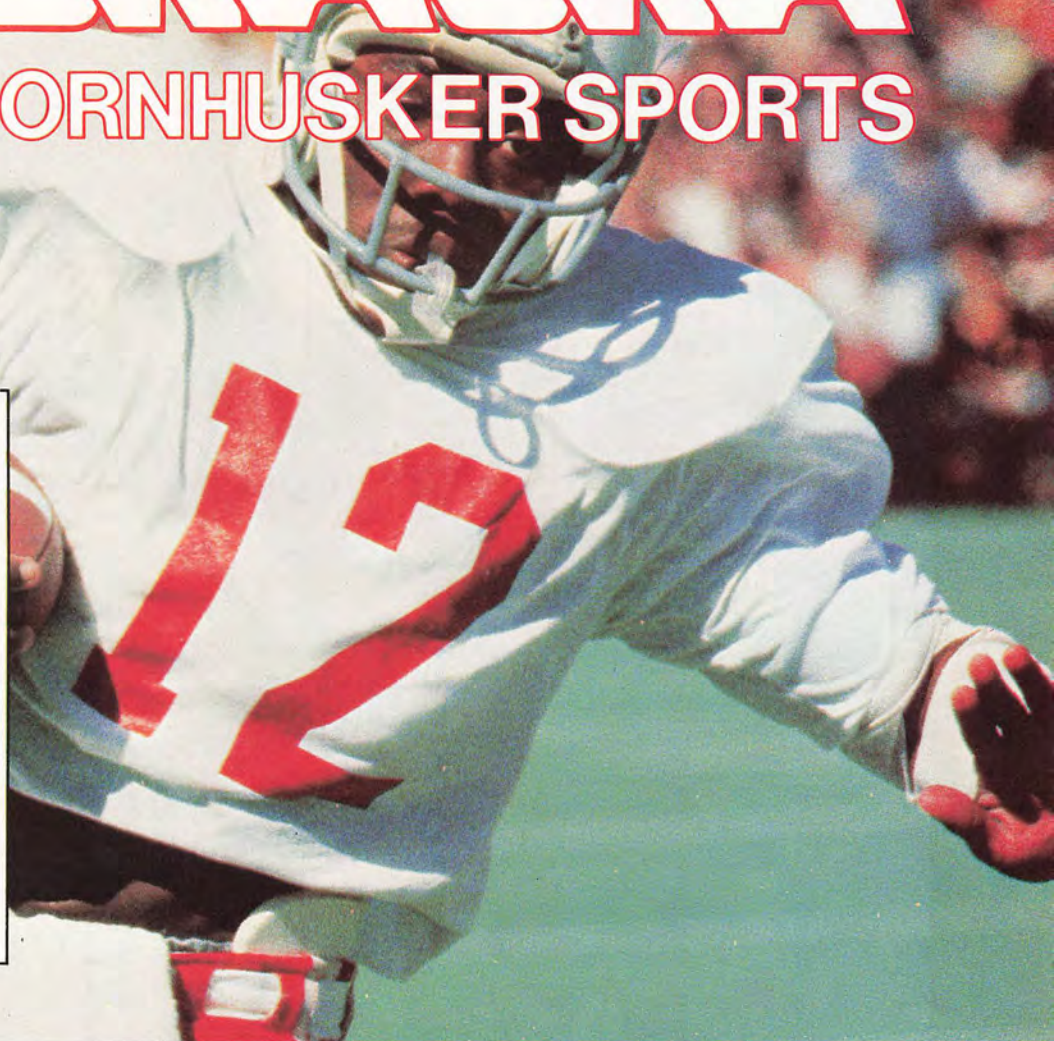
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## SCOUTING REPORT

# Colorado Buffaloes



by Terrence W. McEvilly

For some unknown reason, University of Colorado football fans have become gluttons for punishment. Instead of picking for a rival a team the Buffs could at least occasionally beat, Colorado fans have opted for Nebraska. But choking on Big Red stew has become such an annual ritual for Colorado that Buff fans actually now dread the Cornhusker weekend.

It doesn't seem to matter much how good Colorado's team is when it comes time to play Nebraska. Even the 1976 Colorado Orange Bowl team found a way to turn victory into defeat against the Cornhuskers. Put Colorado ahead for even a quarter and then watch the collapse. Even the players seem to sense the impending doom. It might take some time, but bet the ranch Nebraska will be on top when the dust has cleared.

But it hasn't always been that way — even though it may seem so to Colorado. After the Herd beat Nebraska 7-0 in 1961, the series record between the two Big Eight schools was tied at 10-10-1. Now, 18 seasons later, Nebraska has taken a commanding 26-11-1 series edge. Only some superb defensive play in 1967 allowed CU to slip by 21-16 in Lincoln and the victory prevented Colorado from losing all of the games in the series since 1961.

To be sure, Nebraska has received more than its share of game-winning breaks in the last 17 years. Even the Colorado players came to expect the breaks.

"Eventually, we got very apprehensive about the breaks we expected Nebraska to get," says Mike Montler, a 1968 CU graduate and former pro center. "At times, we were our own worst enemy. We just seemed to know that no matter how much we outplayed Nebraska, we'd still end up

**Chuck Fairbanks has endured a difficult year since all his legal problems began while trying to leave the New England Patriots — and his first edition of the Colorado Buffaloes hasn't made the year seem shorter.**





losing the game. It got to the point where we were just waiting for bad things to happen and for Nebraska to take advantage of the breaks."

And what was true 11 years ago remains true today. From the time a player enters the Colorado football program, he's told of how important it is to beat Nebraska and of the problems of recent years. By the time the player actually takes the field against Nebraska, he's already shell-shocked and expecting the worst.

While Nebraska may have needed breaks in recent years, it seems unlikely those breaks will be needed this time around. As new coach Chuck Fairbanks tries to reconstruct the Colorado program, the team is playing poorly and faces the danger of losing at least five of this year's seven conference matches. The Colorado team that takes the field in Lincoln will barely resemble the Buff squads of the last few years. Fairbanks is convinced this year's Colorado team "is bankrupt of talent." And most of the deficit shows up when Colorado has the ball.

#### OFFENSE

**LINE** — Not even Colorado fans recognize the names of the Buff blockers. Only tackle Stan Brock, a 6-7, 268-pounder and the third Brock to play on the line at Colorado, is a consistent performer. He's surrounded on the line by inexperience and youth. Brant Thurston, the other tackle, has played well at times, but Colorado has had problems with its guards. Ted Stipanovich walked away from the team in September, leaving a gap at guard that Art Dale Johnson has attempted to fill. But Johnson, along with left guard Bruce Campbell, hasn't given the Buffs the necessary consistency. Center Van Hammond would also have to be rated as just average.

**RECEIVERS** — It may be hard to believe, but for most of the season Colorado's top receiver has been a running back. While wingback Kazell Pugh and split end Don Holmes may have talent, the ball doesn't come their way very often. Because the offensive line has had trouble with pass blocking, there hasn't been enough time to throw deep. But both receivers have shown talent when given the chance; Holmes has averaged 17 yards per reception and Pugh about 15.

**QUARTERBACK** — In an effort to find some offense, Fairbanks has spent much of the season rotating Bill Solomon and Charlie Davis at quarterback. Even if one quarterback is moving the ball, Fairbanks still will make a switch. The continual moves are part of an apparent desire to groom Davis, a sophomore, as the quarterback of the future. But Solomon has been clearly the more effective of the two. The drives started by Solomon have



Bill Solomon, the 205-pound senior from East Peoria, Illinois, has been alternated much of the season at quarterback with sophomore Charlie Davis.

yielded almost twice the number of points than drives started by Davis. Solomon is a better passer than Davis and can scramble effectively. But the sophomore has shown signs of being the better runner and is more suited to the option type of attack that Fairbanks would eventually like to run.

**RUNNING BACKS** — When Colorado's running backs get to the outside they turn on a burst of speed. And speed, or rather the lack of it, has been Colorado's major offensive problem this fall. Fairbanks also has experimented with ball-carriers and changes have been numerous. For the time being, Lance Olander (who started the season as a punter) and Willie Beebe are the starters. But Mike Green, Eddie Walker and Lyndell Hawkins also see a lot of playing time.

**OVERALL** — "It seems like it's impossible for us to take the ball and mount a sustained drive against a good defensive football team," Fairbanks says. "Everything we get we have to work very hard for and our players aren't getting anything on their own. We just aren't a very good offensive football team. We just don't have the necessary size, strength or speed to score

a lot of points."

Which means the Colorado defense is feeling the pressure.

#### DEFENSE

**LINE** — It has taken the Buff defensive line longer than the other areas of the defense to adjust to Fairbanks' system. The line was fooled early in the season by misdirection plays and false keys. But Laval Short, a nose guard who could earn All-Big Eight honors, has shown rapid improvement in recent weeks. As he improved, tackles George Visger and Kevin Sazama also made progress. But the defection of tackle Dave Davis during the second week of the season hurt the depth. There's not much backing up the three starters.

**LINEBACKER** — Here is another area where the Buffs have not been as strong as expected. Inside linebackers Bill Roe and Brian McCabe have had problems adjusting to the new defensive scheme.

Steve Doolittle and Charlie Scott, the outside linebackers, have performed better than expected. Scott, if he becomes a little wiser, could eventually be one of the best defensive players ever at Colorado. But so far, the complicated Colorado de-



fense has caused the sophomore problems.

**SECONDARY** — The secondary is probably the strongest aspect of this year's Colorado team as three of the four players (safety Mike Davis and cornerbacks Jesse Johnson and Mark Haynes) are definite prospects. Buff defensive coordinator Doug Knotts calls the secondary "the most talented secondary I've ever had the chance to coach."

**OVERALL** — The defense has not been as strong as had been expected. But Knotts is pleased with the improvement and now believes the Buffs are starting to play to their potential. Given just a few more weeks, the defense may live up to pre-season expectations of being one of the stingiest in the Big Eight.

#### KICKING

Freshman Tom Field has been a welcome surprise as the place-kicker. Through the first five games of the season, Field was perfect in five field-goal attempts and missed only one extra point, due to a bad snap.

The strongest part of the Colorado kicking game has been the punters. Olander, before becoming a regular in the offensive backfield, handled most of the punting chores and averaged 44 yards. Doolittle is now handling most of the punting and he averaged 43 yards in his first two outings.

#### SERIES

Nebraska leads 26-11-1 and has lost only once since 1961. That was in 1967 when the Buffs scored a Bobby Anderson-led 21-16 triumph in Lincoln.

#### INJURIES

Fullback Willie Beebe suffered a bruised shoulder and safety Tim Roberts had his bell rung last week, but both are expected to be ready for this week's game.

#### RECORD

The Buffs are 1-5 and staggering. After early losses to Oregon (19-33), LSU (0-44) and Drake (9-13), Colorado rallied for a 17-16 victory over previously unbeaten Indiana.

But since then the Buffs have reverted to their former ways and absorbed losses to Oklahoma (24-49) and Missouri (7-13).

The Missouri loss was especially bitter. Colorado faced its last chance from the Mizzou six with 16 seconds remaining. But quarterback Bill Solomon's pass eluded the grasp of tight end Bob Niziolek in the end zone.

"I was coming across, but the play just happened so quickly," said Niziolek. "I saw the ball coming. It was a nice pass, but I guess I didn't concentrate enough. I dropped it, plain and simple."

The loss was Colorado's fourth in Folsom Field this season. The Buffs play three of their final five on the road. **N**

# YOU'RE THE COACH

Nebraska continues its hold on the national leadership in total offense. The Cornhuskers are averaging 523.5 yards per game running and throwing. Brigham Young is second with 511.3. NU ranks number 2 in rushing behind Alabama. The Huskers are rushing for 372.7 yards per game, while the Crimson Tide stands at 373.3.

Individually, Jarvis Redwine continues to lead the Big Eight in rushing with 113.8 yards per game. Split end Tim Smith is tops in receptions with 19 and fourth in punting with a 41.0 average.

Nebraska is scoring 39.3 points per outing, tops in the Big Eight.

	NU	CU	FUMBLES/LOST	18/14	16/11
1979 Record to Date	6-0	1-5			
Returning Starters	12	15			
1978 Overall Record	9-3	6-5			
			<b>PENALTIES/ YARDS</b>	36/375	40/334
<b>TEAM OFFENSE</b>			<b>INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE</b>		
Rushes attempted	413	277	Rushing	No.	Yds. Avg. TD
Yards gained	2360	1074	(NU) Redwine	99	683 6.9 4
Yards lost	124	299	(NU) Hipp	72	364 5.1 3
Net yards gained	2236	775	(NU) Johnson	46	290 6.3 6
Avg. gain per rush	5.4	2.8	(CU) Beebe	58	244 4.2 1
Touchdowns	23	5	(CU) Olander	39	200 5.1 0
Passes attempted	106	173	Passing	PA	PC PI YDS TD
Passes completed	60	72	(NU) Hager	62	38 1 598 6
Passes intercepted	2	13	(NU) Quinn	41	21 1 294 1
Percentage	.566	.416	(CU) Solomon	104	45 9 543 4
Total Yards	80	827	(CU) Davis	46	19 1 184 0
Touchdowns	8	4	Receiving	No.	Yds. Avg. TD
Passes caught	60	72	(NU) Smith	19	330 17.4 1
Total Yards	805	827	(NU) Miller	12	272 22.7 5
Avg. gain per catch	13.4	11.5	(CU) Pugh	15	199 13.3 2
Touchdowns	8	4	(CU) Beebe	15	103 6.9 0
<b>TEAM DEFENSE</b>			<b>INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE</b>		
Rushes attempted	199	331	Tackles	Solo	Assisted
Yards gained	622	1565	(NU) Baker	35	14
Yards lost	216	160	(NU) Williams	27	17
Net yards gained	406	1405	(CU) Roe	25	54
Avg. gain per rush	1.9	4.2	(CU) Short	32	35
Touchdowns	3	17	Interceptions		
Passes attempted	153	95	(NU) LeRoy	3	
Passes completed	59	47	(NU) Means	2	
Passes intercepted	7	2	(CU) Johnson	1	
Percentage	.386	.495	(CU) Haynes	1	
Total yards	702	698	Fumble Recoveries		
Touchdowns	3	4	(NU) Nelson	2	
<b>PUNTING</b>			(CU) Haynes	4	
Number	19	40			
Yards	775	1724			
Avg.	40.8	43.1			
Longest	61	62			



1966 ORANGE BOWL

# Tide Submerges National Title Try

by Steve Pederson



The Cornhuskers were playing for the national championship. This was the same rock-bottom program Bob Devaney had taken over four years before. Alabama was the roadblock in Nebraska's bid for the 1966 Orange Bowl crown, but the Huskers fell short in a 39-28 scoring storm.

What goes through the minds of athletes playing for the national championship in college football? Two stars on the 1965 Nebraska football squad will take us closer than the game action; they will take us INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS.

Larry Wachholtz, the All-America safety, now a plumbing contractor in North Platte, Nebraska, and Marv Mueller, Nebraska native and three-year starter at cornerback and now teaching at Lincoln High School, are the men who will take us inside the 1965 NU squad.

The Huskers had gone through the regular season without a loss for the first time since 1915 when Jumbo Stiehm led a Nebraska team to an undefeated season. The Huskers put it all on the line in the 1966 Orange Bowl.

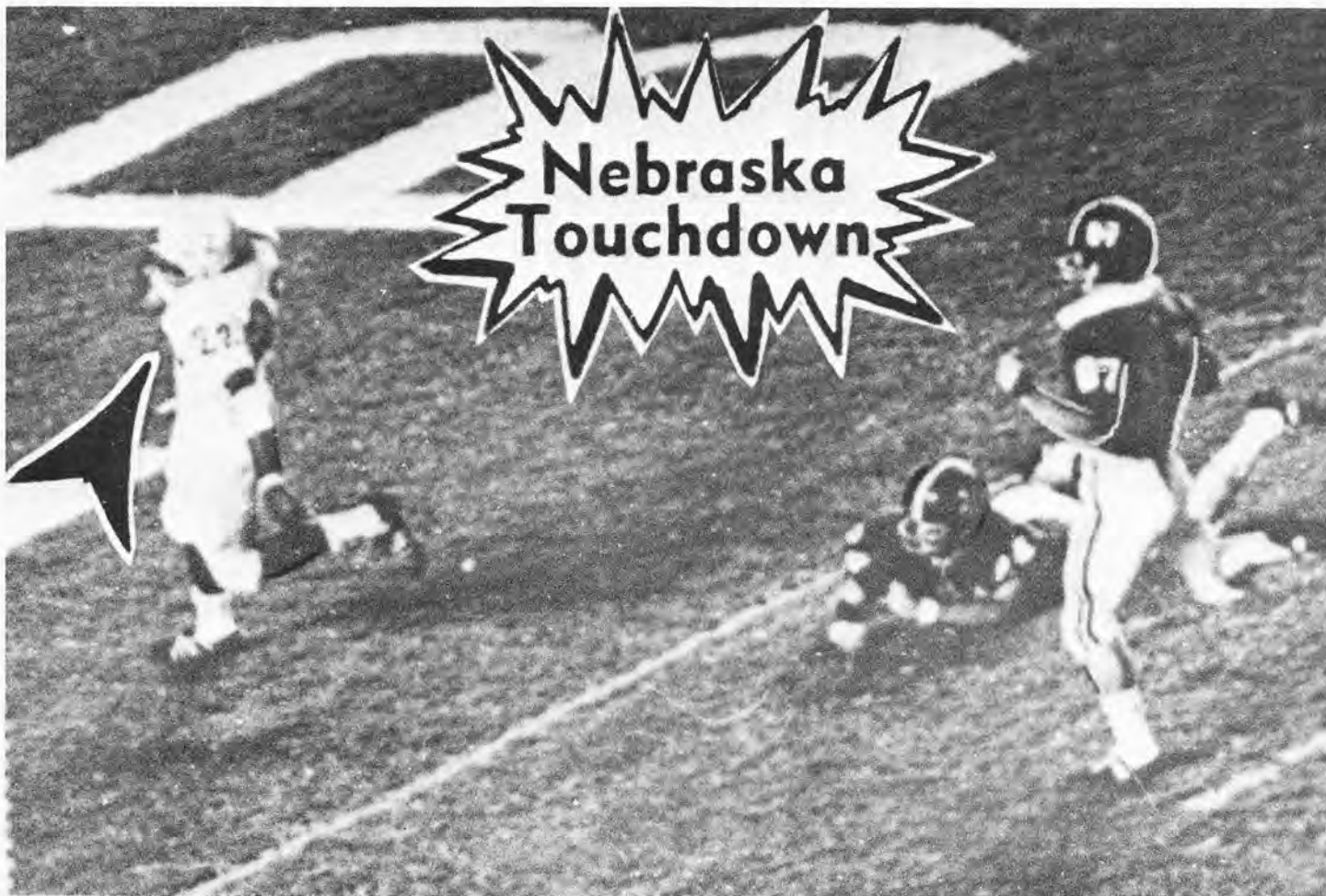
Marv Mueller, only a sophomore, expresses his feeling on the bowl bid. "It was a dream come true for me to even play at Nebraska, let alone play in a bowl game. All of those factors just added to the greatness of the event."

The stage had been set earlier in the day for a great battle. Larry Wachholtz explains: "We knew going into the game that a couple of the top teams had been beaten and we were now really playing for the national championship. It was probably the biggest game of my life, it was the first night Orange Bowl ever, I believe, so all of the other games were over."

The Crimson Tide of Alabama came into the game ranked fourth with an 8-1-1 record while the Huskers were rated third. But the Tide had a couple of horses who could

**Larry Wachholtz, currently a plumbing contractor in North Platte, was one of Nebraska's finest-ever defensive backs despite a playing weight of 162 pounds.**





**Ben Gregory (22) scores on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Bob Churchich in the third quarter, slashing 'Bama's lead to 24-13.**

carry the load on any major-college football team. At quarterback for Alabama was Steve Sloan and he had a brilliant pass receiver in Ray Perkins, now the head coach of the New York Giants in the National Football League.

"I think Alabama just plain had better athletes than we did," notes Wachholtz. "Personnel-wise, we really couldn't play with them. I know coach Devaney had us well prepared; his teams always were."

Wachholtz is one of the most amazing Husker athletes ever. Listed at only 5-8 and 162 pounds in the 1965 Husker press brochure, he earned All-Big Eight honors for two years and All-America honors his senior season.

Mueller remembers the talents of the little safety from North Platte. "I don't think that Larry will ever be replaced. He was really something else — pound for pound, there was no one better in college football. Being only a sophomore, I was a little nervous, but having Larry back there gave me a lot of confidence."

Wachholtz was under the guidance of Husker assistant Jim Ross, now an assistant athletic director at NU.

"The first game of my sophomore year we were going to play Minnesota," recalls

Wachholtz. "I was just concerned with making the travel squad when coach Ross called me over and told me that I was going to start the ball game. He said, 'If you don't play well, everyone is going to say that you are too small to play major-college football. Go out there and play well and people will begin to forget how small you are and start to talk about how good you are.'"

**W**achholtz' brilliant play was one of the factors that led the Huskers to the undefeated season.

Mueller recalls his thoughts before the big game. "I don't think that I really realized the significance of the fact that we could possibly be the national champions. I'm still not sure that we would have been, even if we would have won the game. It seemed to me that the really important game was the final regular-season win over Oklahoma."

The climate and the atmosphere in Miami often seems to make the game of secondary importance.

"The whole scene in Miami was just a little bit too much to comprehend," recalls Mueller. "We tried to take in all of the sites. There was a natural tendency to think that you would put the practice and meetings

into the background — but I was surprised at how much time we spent getting ready for the game. I think that Coach Devaney and the staff had us ready. I think that we just got beat by a better team."

When it was time for the game, Wachholtz expresses the frustrations of the entire Nebraska team.

"We really went into the game wanting to win, but we just didn't have good enough athletes. It seemed like their backs were in our secondary before our linemen ever had a chance to catch them."

"We were pretty relaxed down in Miami. After all, a bowl game is the reward for a good season so it should be fun."

Mueller still feels the Huskers might have had a chance at the national championship had the clock worked in their favor. "I really think that if we would have had a little more time we could have won the game. They just got off to a quick start, but we were never out of the game and we never gave up."

So the saga of the team that almost gave Bob Devaney his first national championship in only his fourth year at Nebraska ended on a sour note. **N**

**Next: 1967 SUGAR BOWL.**



# HUSKER SCORECARD

by Cathy Chown

A great volleyball program at the University of Nebraska has been in the making for several years now, but one major addition to the Husker contingent this year is new assistant coach Lynn Luedke.

NU won a berth into the AIAW Region VI playoffs November 15-17 by beating Kansas and Wichita State in early October. The wins upped the team's record to 21-1. Luedke thinks Nebraska may go so far as to place in the top eight in the nation by the end of the season.

Head coach Terry Pettit couldn't be

happier with the skills and intensity possessed by Luedke, who is a seasoned national player herself.

"I knew the team from last year. I saw a lot of potential." Lynn says if the Nebraska players can "keep their heads in the game" her job will be much easier and the team will be on the way to becoming a known national power.

He maintains Luedke came to Nebraska with the "givens," the obvious talents such as competence, training and her ability to

serve as a model for the team. But he adds "She is very supportive as an assistant coach and is willing to do the less

glamorous tasks of coaching.

"From the day she stepped in, she has been emotionally involved in the program.

Volleyball has been a part of Lynn's life since she was 13 and, since then, she has achieved such accomplishments as starring on the Southern California team that won a national title and being named two time All-American while participating in USVBA play.

A Minnesota native, which is where Pettit found her last year, Luedke knows the someday she will no longer be so involved with volleyball. But she would like a head coaching job before that time comes.

In the meantime, Nebraska volleyball is where she wants to be and Lynn admits that the present success of the NU program helped get her here. "I knew the team from last year. I saw a lot of potential." Lynn says if the Nebraska players can "keep their heads in the game" her job will be much easier and the team will be on the way to becoming a known national power.

Nebraska already has won three straight Big Eight titles as well as the Region V championship last year. The Huskers were 17th nationally.

Nebraska has played before a home crowd only twice this year, but Husker fans will have the opportunity to see the byproduct of Pettit and Luedke's labor when Nebraska hosts Missouri Western State November 10 and the Region V Championships the following week. **N**

**Lynn Luedke, new assistant volleyball coach, also is a seasoned national-caliber player. She has, according to coach Terry Pettit, plenty of the "givens."**





## NU's TOP POLL FINISHES

Associated Press		United Press International	
1936	9th	1963	5th
1940	7th	1964	6th
1965	6th	1965	3rd
1964	6th	1966	7th
1965	5th	1969	12th
1966	6th	1970	3rd
1969	11th	1971	1st
1970	1st	1972	9th
1971	1st	1973	11th (tie)
1972	4th	1974	7th
1973	7th	1975	9th
1974	9th	1976	7th
1975	9th	1977	10th
1976	9th	1978	6th
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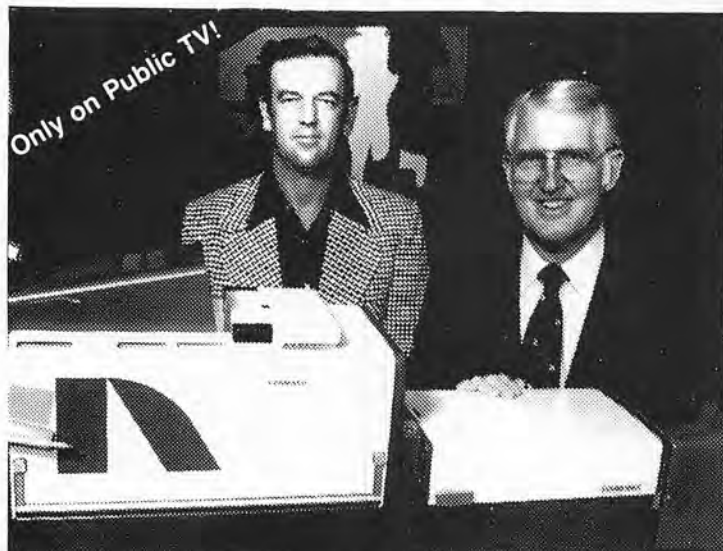
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

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## 1979 Football Schedule

DATE	NEBRASKA 	IOWA STATE 	KANSAS 	KANSAS STATE 
Sept. 8				
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26
Sept. 22	at Iowa 24-21	at Texas 9-17	at Michigan 7-28	OREGON STATE 22-16
Sept. 29	PENN STATE 42-17	at Iowa 14-30	NORTH TEXAS STATE 37-18	at Air Force 19-6
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE 57-0	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC 7-24	SYRACUSE 27-45	TULSA 6-9
Oct. 13	KANSAS 42-0	at Kansas State 7-3	at Nebraska 0-42	IOWA STATE 3-7
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State 36-0	KANSAS 7-24	at Iowa State 24-7	OKLAHOMA 6-38
Oct. 27	COLORADO	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	at Missouri
Nov. 3	at Missouri	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE	at Kansas
Nov. 10	at Kansas State	MISSOURI	at Oklahoma	NEBRASKA
Nov. 17	IOWA STATE	at Nebraska	COLORADO	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	MISSOURI	at Colorado
DATE	MISSOURI 	COLORADO 	OKLAHOMA 	OKLAHOMA STATE 
Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	OREGON 19-33		NORTH TEXAS STATE 25-7
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6
Sept. 22	at Mississippi 33-7	DRAKE 9-13	TULSA 49-13	Arkansas at Little Rock 7-27
Sept. 29	TEXAS 0-21	at Indiana 17-16	at Rice 63-21	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma 24-49	COLORADO 49-24	at South Carolina 16-23
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE 13-14		Texas at Dallas 7-16	at Missouri 14-13
Oct. 20	at Colorado 13-7	MISSOURI 7-13	at Kansas State 38-6	NEBRASKA 0-36
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE	at Kansas
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State	at Oklahoma State	OKLAHOMA
Nov. 10	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS	at Colorado
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA	at Kansas	at Missouri	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 24	at Kansas	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State

### FINAL 1978 BIG EIGHT STANDINGS

	Conference	Overall
Oklahoma	6-1	11- 1
Nebraska	6-1	9- 3
Iowa State	4-3	8- 4
Missouri	4-3	8- 4
Kansas State	3-4	4- 7
Oklahoma State	3-4	3- 8
Colorado	2-5	6- 5
Kansas	0-7	1-10

### ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

Kansas, rebounding from its loss to Nebraska, upended favored Iowa State in last week's big turn-around. The 24-7 victory came the day after coach Don Fambrough's 57th birthday and he said, "I've had a lot of birthdays, but I can't remember one any better." Missouri and Oklahoma also were victorious.



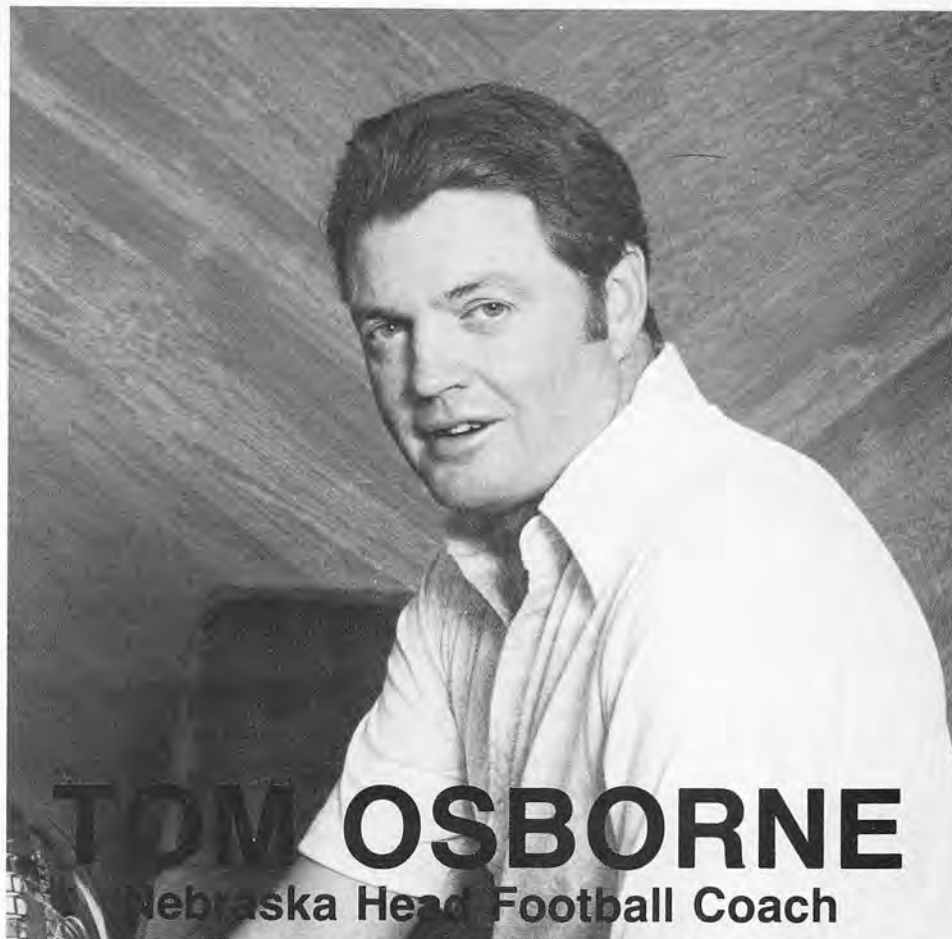
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Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

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**TOM OSBORNE**

Nebraska Head Football Coach



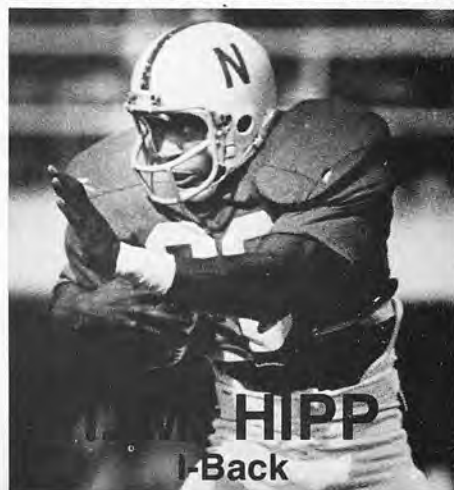
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**Friday** November 30  
**Saturday** December 1  
**Monday** December 3  
**Saturday** December 8  
 Tuesday December 11  
**Thursday** December 13  
 Saturday December 15  
**Saturday** December 22  
 Thursday-Sunday December 27-30

Wednesday January 2  
**Friday** January 4  
**Saturday** January 5  
 Wednesday January 9  
**Saturday** January 12  
**Wednesday** January 16  
 Saturday January 19  
**Wednesday** January 23  
 Saturday January 26  
**Wednesday** January 30  
 Saturday February 2  
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**Saturday** February 9  
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**ANGELO STATE**  
 at Iowa State  
**MISSOURI**  
**KANSAS**  
 at Colorado  
**OKLAHOMA STATE**  
 at Kansas State  
**OKLAHOMA**  
 at Missouri  
 at Kansas  
**IOWA STATE**  
 at Oklahoma State  
**COLORADO**  
**KANSAS STATE**  
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 Semifinals — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)  
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